

Karaite Jews in Lithuania



The Karaite form of Judaism is so strange that Russian Tsars categorized them as non-Jews, just as the Nazis did! Thus, they escaped Russia's pogroms and the Nazi holocaust. However, Karaites in Lithuania know they are true Jews. They follow only the Tanach (the Old Testament), rejecting rabbinic interpretations, which in itself is very rare for anyone with a Jewish background. They allow each believer to make his or her own interpretation, and they often interpret the Scriptures in metaphorical terms. Their intention is to hide the Word of God in their thoughts and let it guide their actions. Karaites tend to adopt the customs of their host countries, such as Lithuania.

Ministry Obstacles

They interpret God's word through human reasoning. This can easily close their minds to what God tells them in the Scriptures.

Outreach Ideas

Missionaries can hold open conversations and debates regarding the different interpretations of the Old Testament. First, they must become loving friends to these free-thinking people.



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POPULATION: 300

LANGUAGE: Lithuanian

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Karaite Jews would see Jesus Christ as the only Way, the only Truth, and the only Life. Pray that they would see the fulfillment of Christ in the Old Testament.

SCRIPTURE Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, it shall be said to them, Children of the living God. Hosea 1:10

PRAY that this people group soon become children of the living God.